



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A Summing Up

During the past year, your Woman's Auxiliary has seen growth in both size and activity. At this writing, our membership has topped 6,440, and with new members coming in daily we expect to pass the 6,500 mark before our year's record is in.

These thousands of Auxiliary members have not been idle. Due to their hard work and good ideas, the California Woman's Auxiliary leads the United States not only in size but in its large and productive program.

Organized Activities

Some of the work which your Auxiliary has done in the past year can be measured in dollars and cents. For instance:

For **American Medical Education Foundation**, we have raised \$6,910 to date, with two counties yet to report. This is well above our \$1-a-member goal, and already some \$1,100 above the sum raised the previous year.

For **Physicians' Benevolence**, we have raised over \$3,500—also incomplete returns. While this is not up to the mark we had set, it is well above amounts previously raised.

For **Nurse Recruitment**, your Auxiliary has accounted for the sums of \$25,500 for Scholarships and \$5,000 in loans . . . plus \$400 used for materials and \$50 for other expenses of our program. This brings the grand total—and it is grand—to \$30,950.

For **Community Service Groups** such as Red Cross, Blood Banks, Cerebral Palsy Programs, etc.; for **Hospitals**; for **Christmas Donations**; your Auxiliary has raised a total of more than \$16,000 in the past year.

Of equal importance is some of the less tangible work that we have done. Twenty-three counties have had programs in **Mental Health**, with much time being spent with geriatric patients and in rehabilitation. A significant contribution has also been made in this field in helping to change the public attitude toward mental disease.

In **Legislation**, your Auxiliary has continued to work actively with the C.M.A. and to support its legislative program . . . in **Civil Defense**, we have continued to participate in our community programs . . . in promoting *Today's Health*, at least six of our counties have topped their subscription quota, and we are over 1,000 subscriptions ahead of our previous record.

Courier Remains Tops

The official publication of your Woman's Auxiliary, *Courier* was last year once again recognized officially as the best of its kind in the coun-

try. Its importance is being recognized locally, too, by the upping of its yearly budget to \$5,000, and by specifying that it is to have at least five issues yearly, with the dates of publication now defined in our by-laws.

Revision of By-Laws

As our organization has grown, so have the problems of our administration. Last year saw some needed changes made in our by-laws. Among the more noteworthy of these changes was the addition of a Spring Board Meeting, and the streamlining of our State Board of officials.

Budget Changes

Our new budget also reflects our growth. New provisions now allow for two delegates to attend the National Convention, both president and president-elect. More newsworthy, perhaps, is the fact that the new budget at last makes allowance for the rise in the cost of travel, and these ladies can now go "first class."

Flood Assistance

Your Auxiliary gratefully acknowledges the commendation received from the C.M.A. Council for our work in assisting physicians' families who were victims of the tragic floods last December. We are proud that we were able to raise \$5,000 for their use "with no strings attached." Of this amount, \$500 was contributed by the National Auxiliary, \$1,000 by the State Auxiliary, and the rest by County Auxiliaries and by personal donations from Auxiliary members.

Incidentally, some of our work in civil defense paid off well during the flood disaster period. Auxiliary members who were familiar with civil defense procedures were able to work well with the authorities during the disaster period. And members familiar with the nurses' aide courses or practical nurses' courses found that their knowledge stood them in good stead.

Ave Atque Vale

It has been our privilege and pleasure to work for and with the C.M.A. during the past year. To all of you who have given us guidance, counsel and encouragement, we express our deep and sincere thanks. We hope that we can take some pride in our year's achievements—and, more important, we hope that you can, too.